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TASTES GREAT... LESS FILLING!
SONIC
THE HEDGEHOG
™
LEAVE IT TO TAILS TO HOG ALL THE ACTION!
--AND ON OUR WEDDING DAY, TOO!
WILL SONIC REALLY MARRY SALLY?! --NOT BEFORE DR. ROBOTNIK GIVES THEM A CASE OF... "WEDDING BELL BLUES!"
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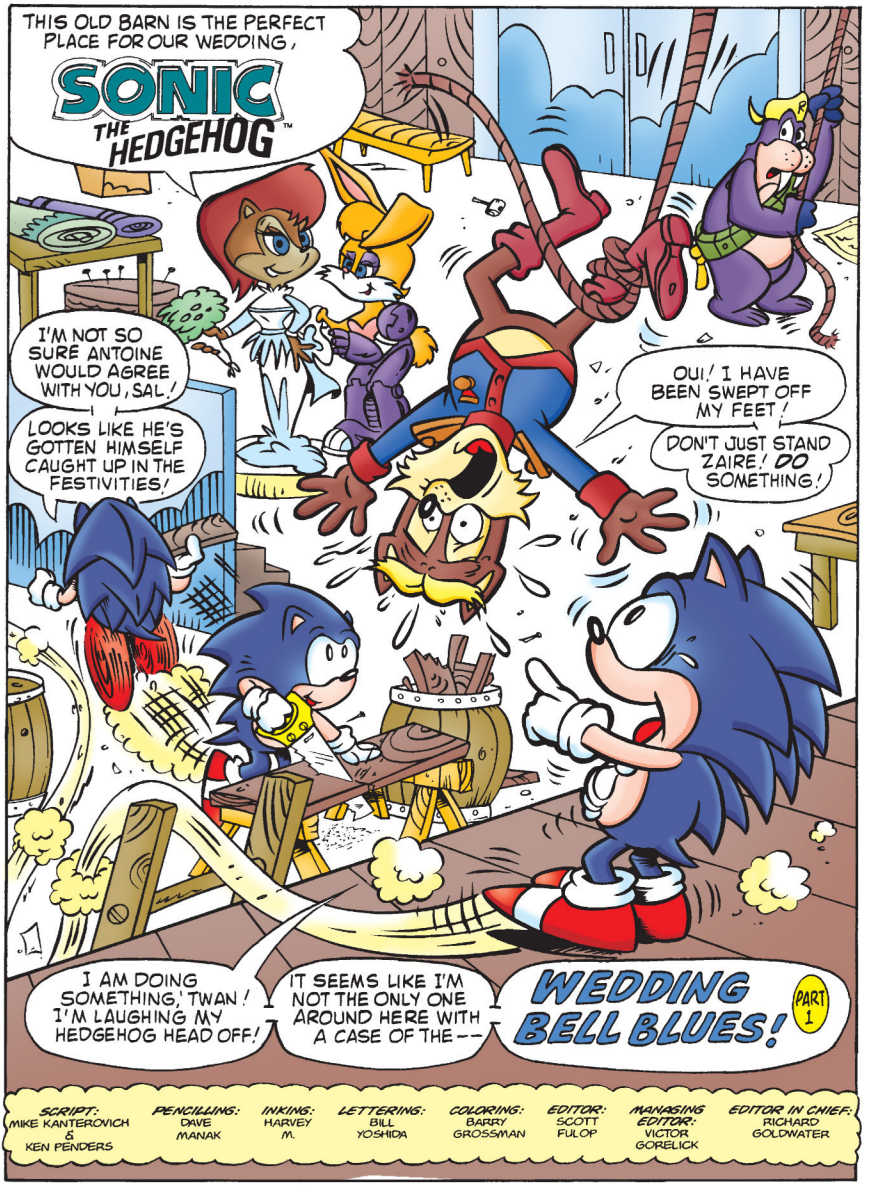
THIS OLD BARN IS THE PERFECT PLACE FOR OUR WEDDING,
SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™
I'M NOT SO SURE ANTOINE WOULD AGREE WITH YOU, SAL!
LOOKS LIKE HE'S GOTTEN HIMSELF CAUGHT UP IN THE FESTIVITIES!
OUI! I HAVE BEEN SWEPT OFF MY FEET!
DON'T JUST STAND ZAIRE! DO SOMETHING!
I AM DOING SOMETHING, TWAN! I'M LAUGHING MY HEDGEHOG HEAD OFF!
IT SEEMS LIKE I'M NOT THE ONLY ONE AROUND HERE WITH A CASE OF THE--
WEDDING BELL BLUES!
PART 1

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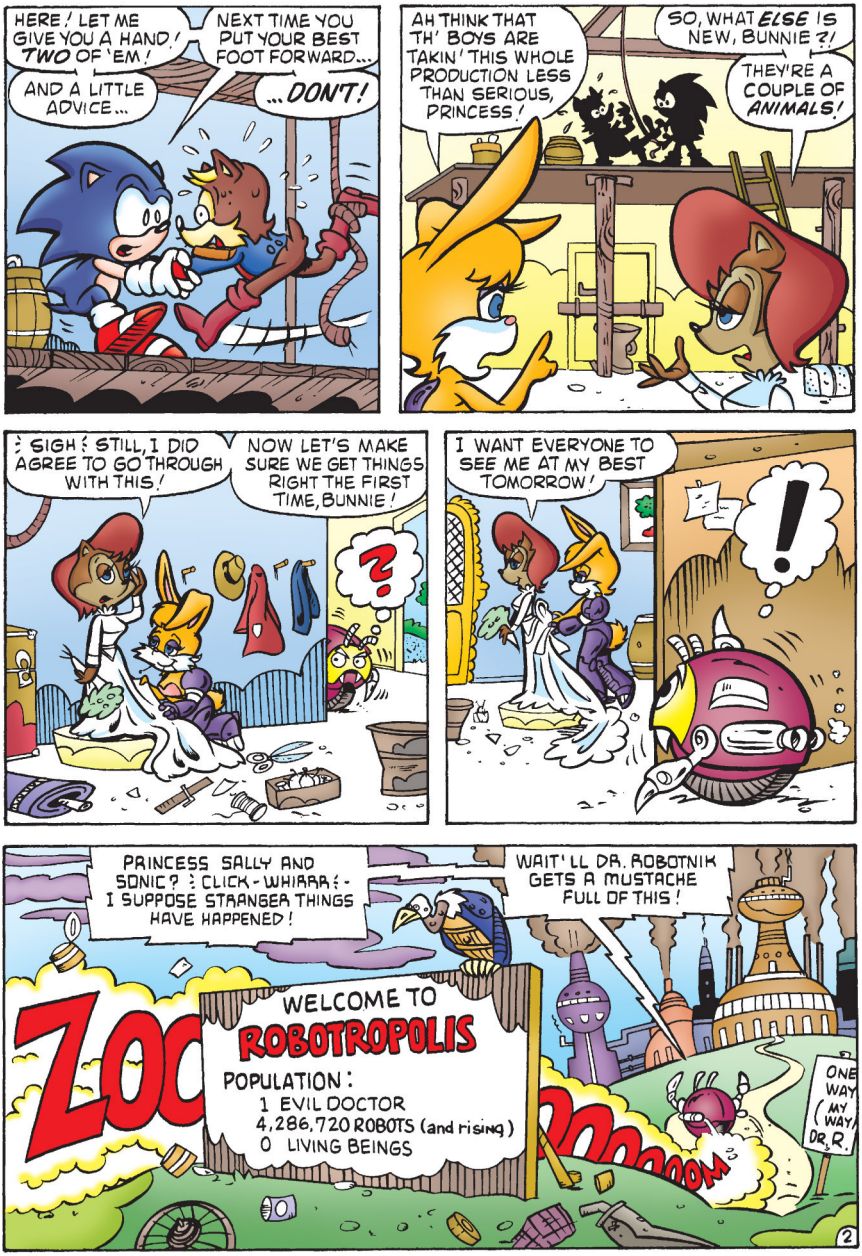
HERE! LET ME GIVE YOU A HAND! TWO OF 'EM!
AND A LITTLE ADVICE...
NEXT TIME YOU PUT YOUR BEST FOOT FORWARD...
...DON'T!
AH THINK THAT TH' BOYS ARE TAKIN' THIS WHOLE PRODUCTION LESS THAN SERIOUS, PRINCESS!
SO, WHAT ELSE IS NEW, BUNNIE?!
THEY'RE A COUPLE OF ANIMALS!
:SIGH: STILL, I DID AGREE TO GO THROUGH WITH THIS!
NOW LET'S MAKE SURE WE GET THINGS RIGHT THE FIRST TIME, BUNNIE!
?
I WANT EVERYONE TO SEE ME AT MY BEST TOMORROW!
!
PRINCESS SALLY AND SONIC? :CLICK-WHIRR: - I SUPPOSE STRANGER THINGS HAVE HAPPENED!
WAIT'LL DR. ROBOTNIK GETS A MUSTACHE FULL OF THIS!
ZOO
WELCOME TO ROBOTROPOLIS
POPULATION:
1 EVIL DOCTOR
4,286,720 ROBOTS (and rising)
0 LIVING BEINGS
ONE WAY (MY WAY) DR. R.
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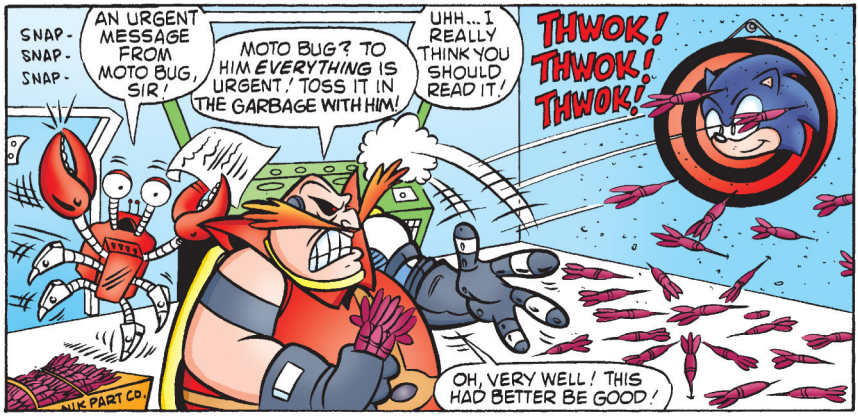
SNAP-
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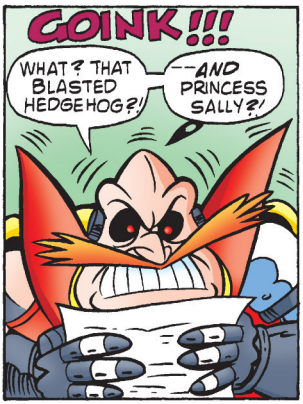
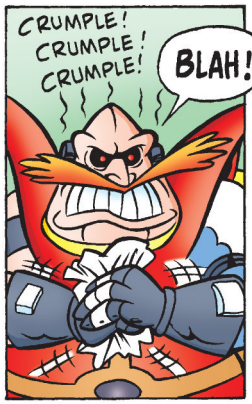
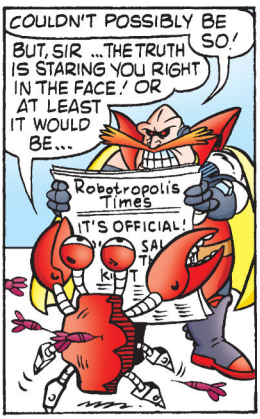
AN URGENT MESSAGE FROM MOTO BUG, SIR!
MOTO BUG? TO HIM EVERYTHING IS URGENT! TOSS IT IN THE GARBAGE WITH HIM!
UHH... I REALLY THINK YOU SHOULD READ IT!
THWOK! THWOK! THWOK!
OH, VERY WELL! THIS HAD BETTER BE GOOD!


GOINK!!!
WHAT? THAT BLASTED HEDGEHOG?!
--AND PRINCESS SALLY?!


CRUMPLE! CRUMPLE! CRUMPLE!
BLAH!

UNINTELLIGIBLE INTELLIGENCE!
SOMEONE'S WIRES MUST BE CROSSED!


COULDN'T POSSIBLY BE SO!
BUT, SIR ...THE TRUTH IS STARING YOU RIGHT IN THE FACE! OR AT LEAST IT WOULD BE...
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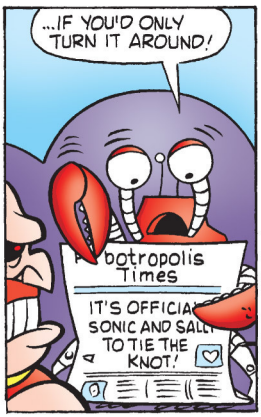
IT'S OFFICIAL!


...IF YOU'D ONLY TURN IT AROUND!
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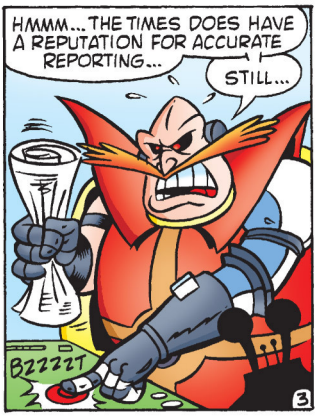
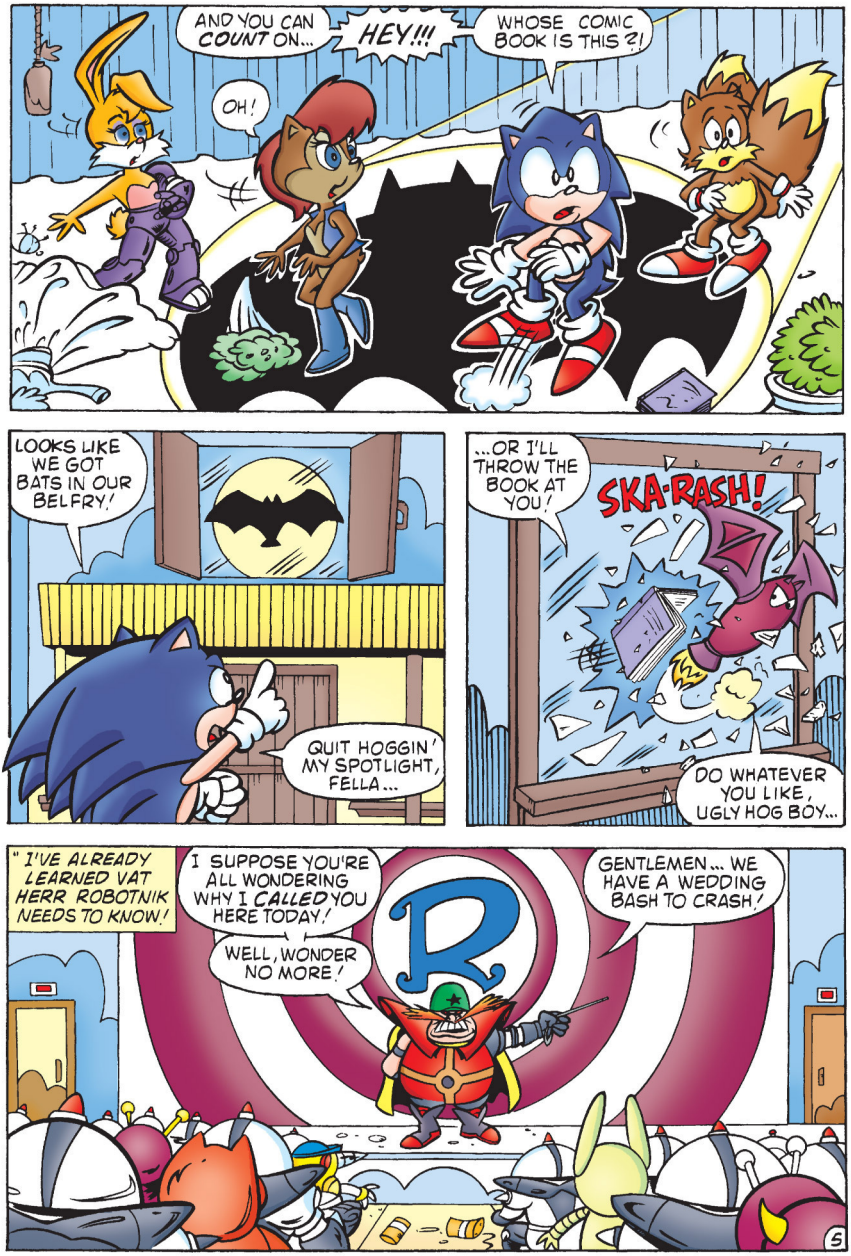
IT'S OFFICIA
SONIC AND SALL
TO TIE THE KNOT!


HMMM... THE TIMES DOES HAVE A REPUTATION FOR ACCURATE REPORTING...
STILL...
BZZZZT

IT NEVER HURTS TO CHECK THE FACTS!
YOU RANG, HERR DOKTOR?
INDEED I DID, BAT BRAIN! THERE'S A PARTY IN PROGRESS AND I WASN'T INVITED!
GO TO THE ABANDONED BARN ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF THE CITY...
ROBOTORIUM
"--AND GATHER ME SOME INTELLIGENT INTELLIGENCE FOR A CHANGE!"
TOMORROW'S THE BIG DAY, SALLY! ARE YOU SURE YOU WANT TO GO THROUGH WITH IT?
HRMPH! THAT'S A SILLY QUESTION! YOU KNOW AS WELL AS I DO THAT WE'VE COME TOO FAR TO BACK OUT NOW!
BESIDES, THIS WAS ALL YOUR IDEA IN THE FIRST PLACE!
MY IDEA? I THOUGHT IT WAS YOURS!
OOOO... YOU'RE NOT TAKING THIS SERIOUSLY!
I AM! I JUST GOT A CLASSIC CASE OF COLD FEET -- OR IN MY CASE, MAYBE THAT'S COLD SNEAKERS!
WHEN TOMORROW COMES, I'LL BE THERE TO SAY "YAHOO, I DO!"


AND YOU CAN COUNT ON...
HEY!!!
WHOSE COMIC BOOK IS THIS?!
OH!
LOOKS LIKE WE GOT BATS IN OUR BELFRY!
QUIT HOGGIN' MY SPOTLIGHT, FELLA...
...OR I'LL THROW THE BOOK AT YOU!
SKA-RASH!
DO WHATEVER YOU LIKE, UGLY HOG BOY...
"I'VE ALREADY LEARNED VAT HERR ROBOTNIK NEEDS TO KNOW!
I SUPPOSE YOU'RE ALL WONDERING WHY I CALLED YOU HERE TODAY!
WELL, WONDER NO MORE!
GENTLEMEN... WE HAVE A WEDDING BASH TO CRASH!
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FOR FAR TOO LONG, SONIC THE HEDGEHOG AND HIS RIDICULOUS BAND OF FREEDOM FIGHTERS HAVE THWARTED MY BEST EFFORTS!
THAT'S BECAUSE OUR BEST EFFORTS HAVEN'T BEEN GOOD ENOUGH!
BUT, NO MORE!
TODAY IS THE DAY THAT WE DESTROY THEM ONCE AND FOR ALL!
THWAP!
MANY OF YOU WILL NOT RETURN FROM THE COMING CONFLICT!
ALL THAT MATTERS IS THAT OUR OBJECTIVE IS ACHIEVED...
FRANKLY, I COULD CARE LESS!
...AT ANY COST!
ONWARD, TROOPS! TO VICTORY!
TO VICTORY!!!
HUT-HUT!
CRONCH!
BOING!
CLONK!
KLANK!
OOF!
END PART I
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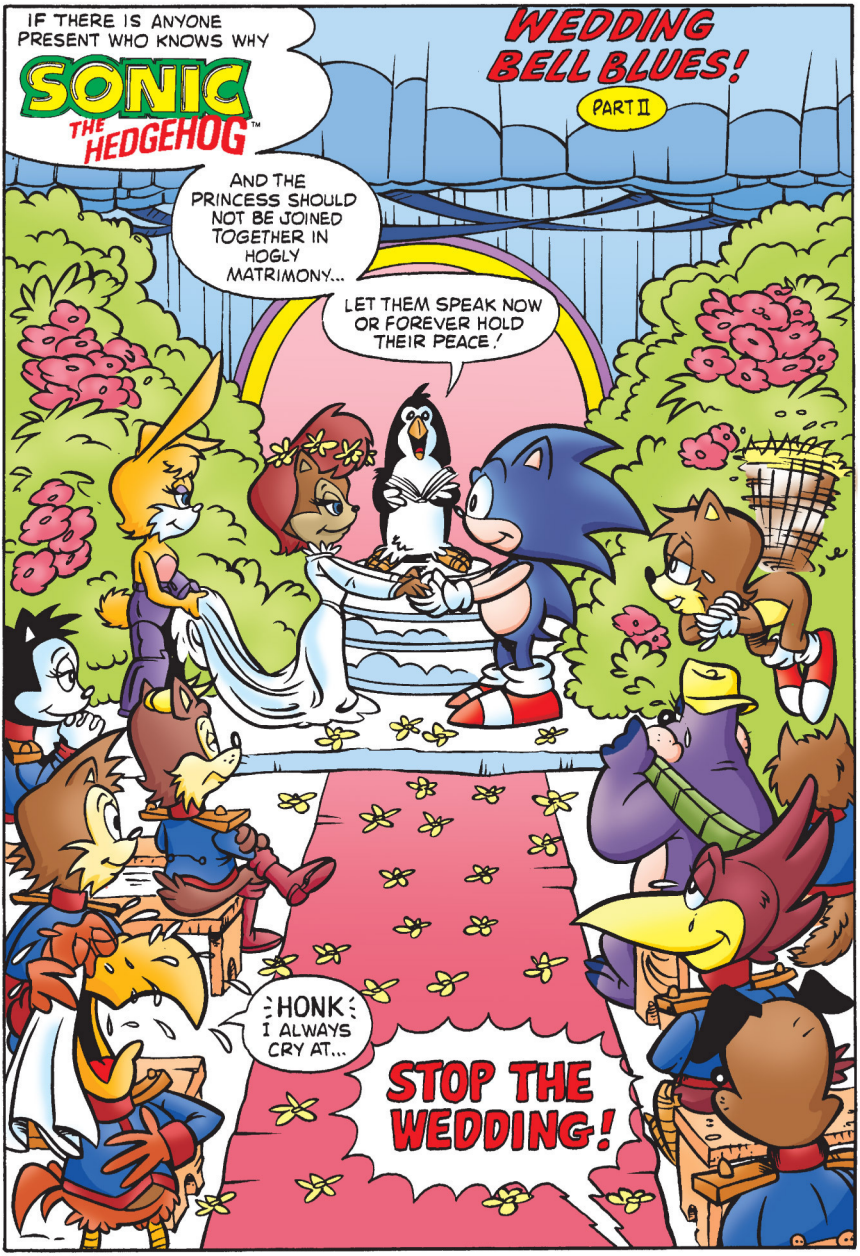
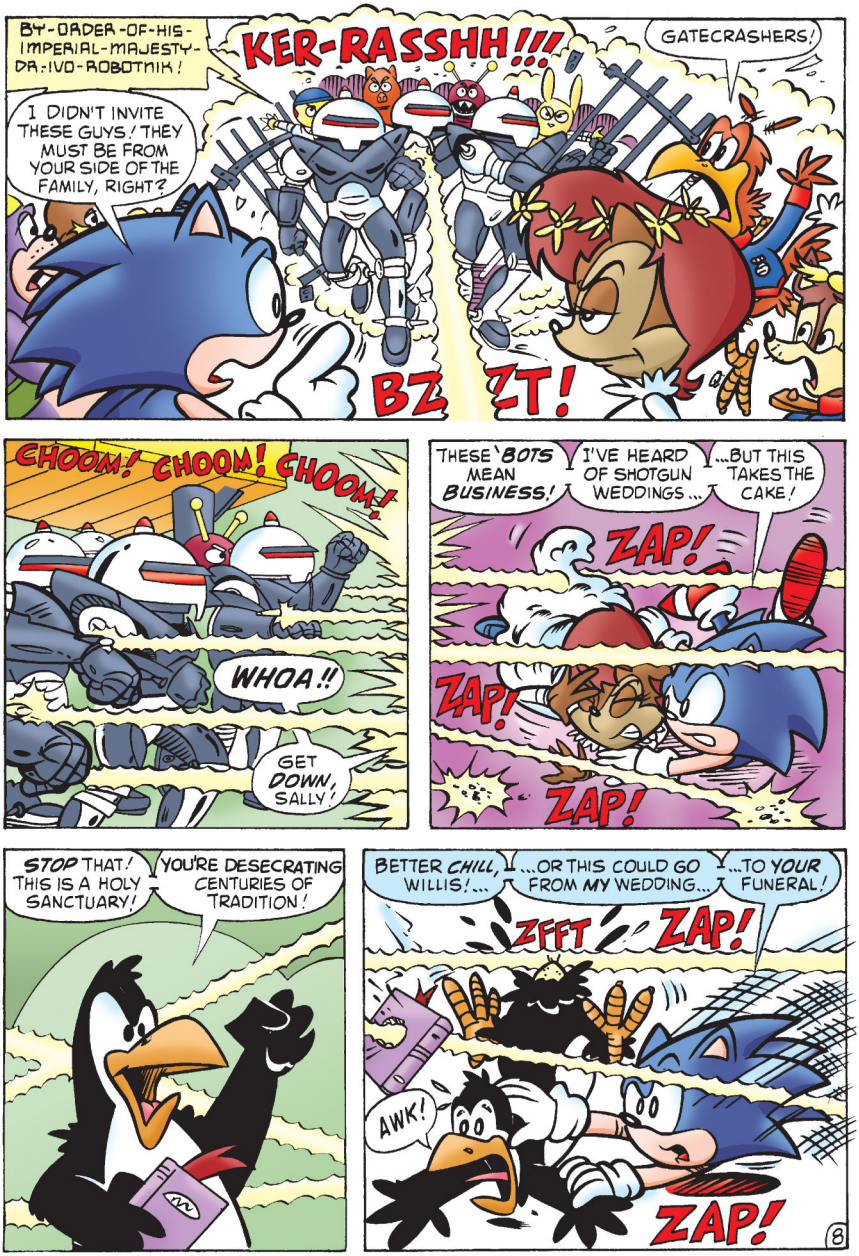

IF THERE IS ANYONE PRESENT WHO KNOWS WHY
SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™
WEDDING BELL BLUES!
PART II
AND THE PRINCESS SHOULD NOT BE JOINED TOGETHER IN HOGLY MATRIMONY...
LET THEM SPEAK NOW OR FOREVER HOLD THEIR PEACE!
HONK I ALWAYS CRY AT...
STOP THE WEDDING!


BY-ORDER-OF-HIS-IMPERIAL-MAJESTY-DR.-IVO-ROBOTNIK!
KER-RASSHH!!!
GATECRASHERS!
I DIDN'T INVITE THESE GUYS! THEY MUST BE FROM YOUR SIDE OF THE FAMILY, RIGHT?
BZ
ZT!
CHOOM! CHOOM! CHOOM!
WHOA!!
GET DOWN, SALLY!
THESE BOTS MEAN BUSINESS!
I'VE HEARD OF SHOTGUN WEDDINGS...
...BUT THIS TAKES THE CAKE!
ZAP!
ZAP!
ZAP!
STOP THAT! THIS IS A HOLY SANCTUARY!
YOU'RE DESECRATING CENTURIES OF TRADITION!
BETTER CHILL, WILLIS!...
...OR THIS COULD GO FROM MY WEDDING...
...TO YOUR FUNERAL!
ZFFT
ZAP!
AWK!
ZAP!
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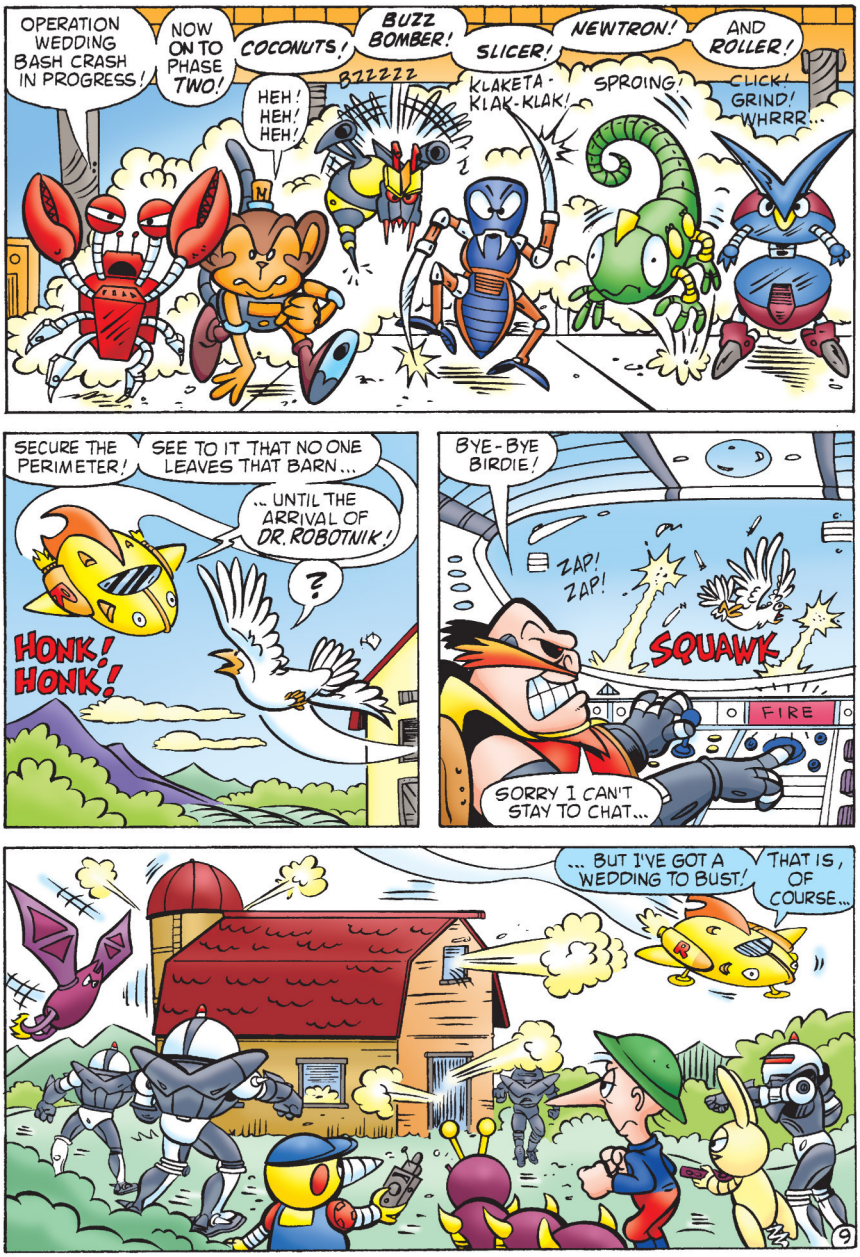
OPERATION WEDDING BASH CRASH IN PROGRESS!
NOW ON TO PHASE TWO!
COCONUTS!
BUZZ BOMBER!
SLICER!
NEWTRON!
AND ROLLER!
HEH! HEH! HEH!
BZZZZZ
KLAKETA-KLAK-KLAK!
SPROING!
CLICK! GRIND! WHRRR...
SECURE THE PERIMETER!
SEE TO IT THAT NO ONE LEAVES THAT BARN...
... UNTIL THE ARRIVAL OF DR. ROBOTNIK!
?
HONK! HONK!
BYE-BYE BIRDIE!
ZAP! ZAP!
SQUAWK
FIRE
SORRY I CAN'T STAY TO CHAT...
... BUT I'VE GOT A WEDDING TO BUST!
THAT IS, OF COURSE...
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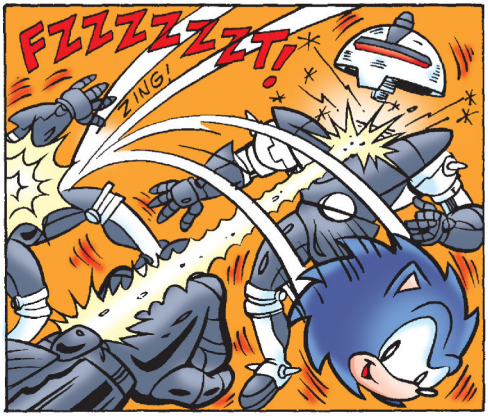
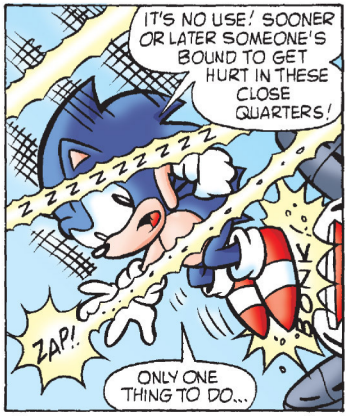
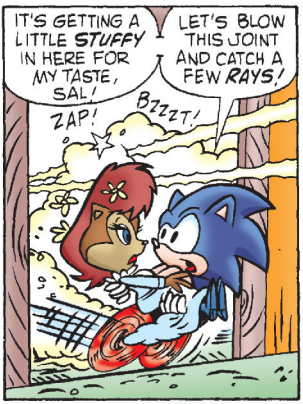
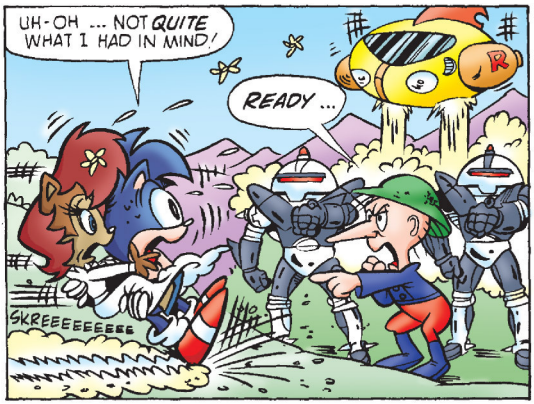
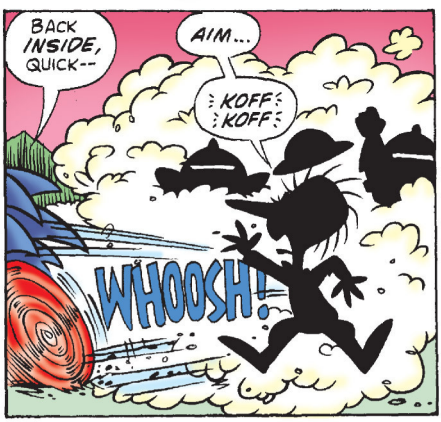
"...IF IT HASN'T ALREADY BEEN BROKEN UP!"
ZAP!
ZAP!
POW!
ZAP!
BZZZZT!
BOING!
CRASH!
BONK!
BWZZZZZZZ
K-BAM!

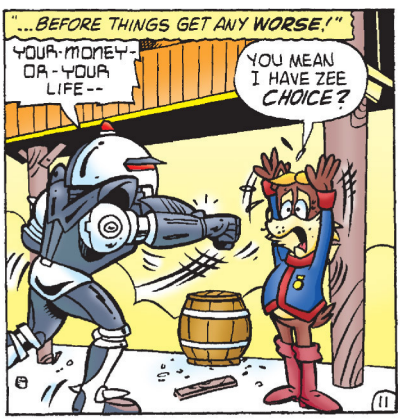

FZZZZZZT!
ZING!

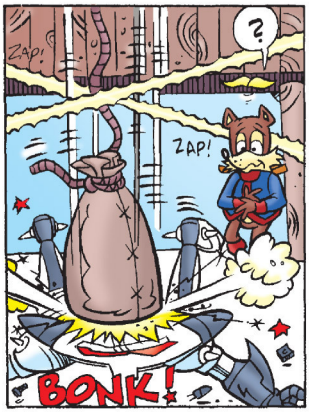

IT'S NO USE! SOONER OR LATER SOMEONE'S BOUND TO GET HURT IN THESE CLOSE QUARTERS!
ZZZZZZZZ
ZAP!
ONLY ONE THING TO DO...

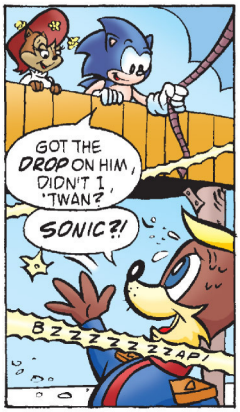

IT'S GETTING A LITTLE STUFFY IN HERE FOR MY TASTE, SAL!
LET'S BLOW THIS JOINT AND CATCH A FEW RAYS!
ZAP!
BZZZT!

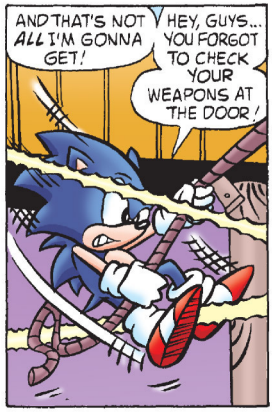

UH-OH ... NOT QUITE WHAT I HAD IN MIND!
READY ...
SKREEEEEEEEE

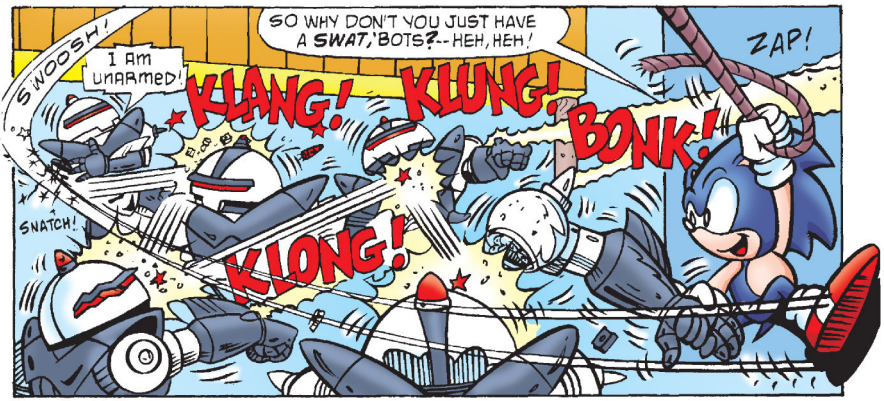

BACK INSIDE, QUICK--
AIM...
KOFF KOFF
WHOOSH!

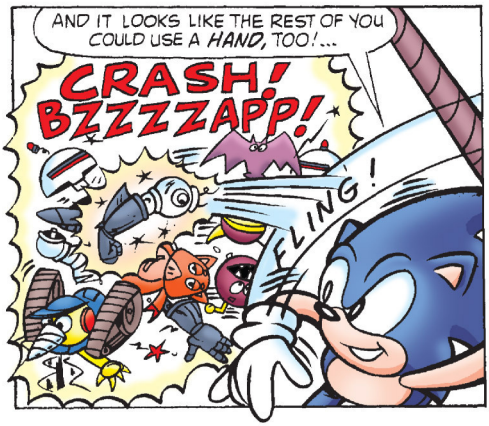

"...BEFORE THINGS GET ANY WORSE!"
YOUR MONEY OR YOUR LIFE--
YOU MEAN I HAVE ZEE CHOICE?

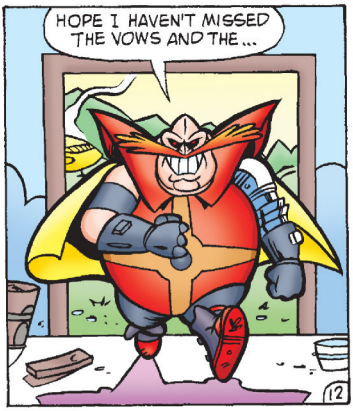

ZAP!
?
ZAP!
BONK!


GOT THE DROP ON HIM, DIDN'T I, 'TWAN?
SONIC?!
BZZZZZZZZAP!


AND THAT'S NOT ALL I'M GONNA GET!
HEY, GUYS... YOU FORGOT TO CHECK YOUR WEAPONS AT THE DOOR!


SWOOSH!
I Am unarmed!
SO WHY DON'T YOU JUST HAVE A SWAT,'BOTS?--HEH, HEH!
ZAP!
KLANG!
KLUNG!
BONK!
SNATCH!
KLONG!


AND IT LOOKS LIKE THE REST OF YOU COULD USE A HAND, TOO!...
CRASH! BZZZZAPP!
FLING!


HOPE I HAVEN'T MISSED THE VOWS AND THE...
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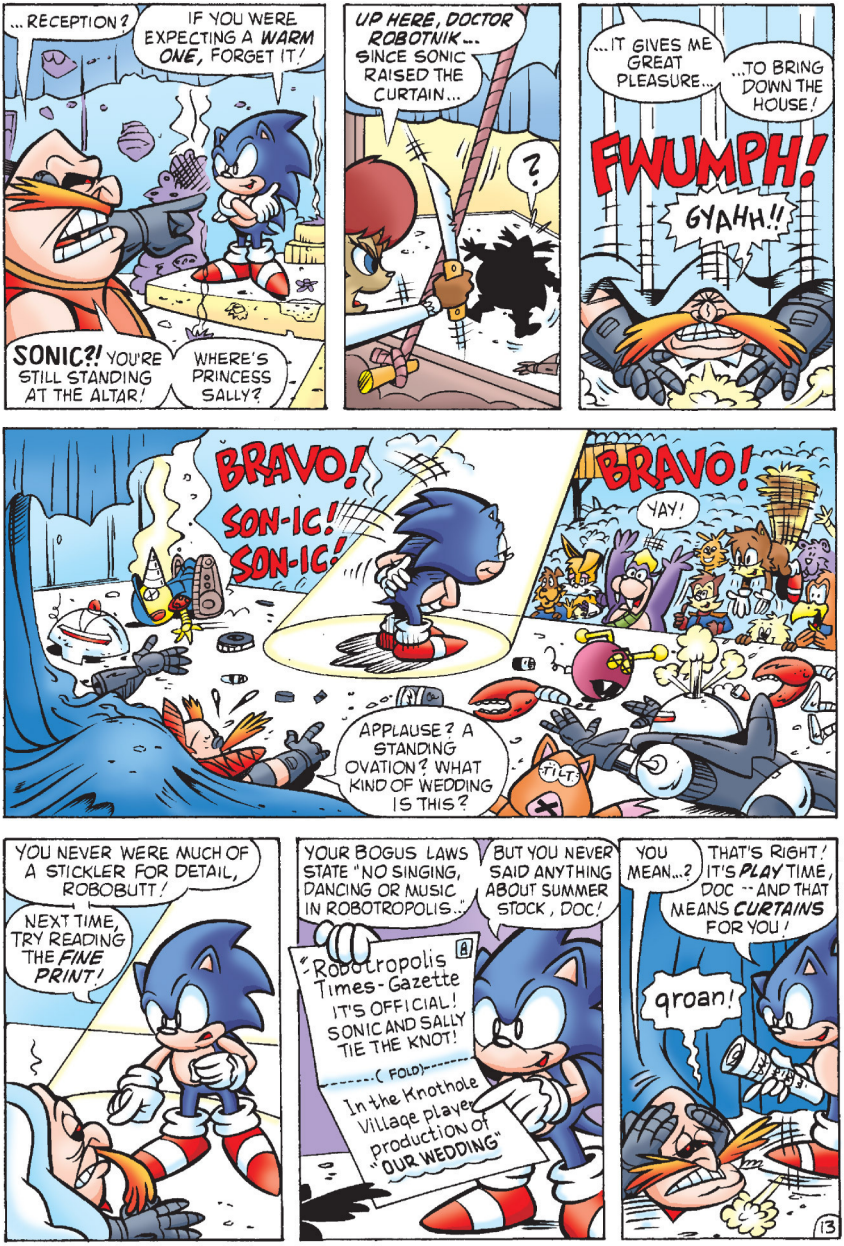
...RECEPTION?
IF YOU WERE EXPECTING A WARM ONE, FORGET IT!
SONIC?! YOU'RE STILL STANDING AT THE ALTAR!
WHERE'S PRINCESS SALLY?
UP HERE, DOCTOR ROBOTNIK... SINCE SONIC RAISED THE CURTAIN...
?
...IT GIVES ME GREAT PLEASURE...
...TO BRING DOWN THE HOUSE!
FWUMPH!
GYAHH!!
BRAVO!
SON-IC!
SON-IC!
BRAVO!
YAY!
APPLAUSE? A STANDING OVATION? WHAT KIND OF WEDDING IS THIS?
YOU NEVER WERE MUCH OF A STICKLER FOR DETAIL, ROBOBUTT!
NEXT TIME, TRY READING THE FINE PRINT!
YOUR BOGUS LAWS STATE "NO SINGING, DANCING OR MUSIC IN ROBOTROPOLIS..."
BUT YOU NEVER SAID ANYTHING ABOUT SUMMER STOCK, DOC!
"Robotropolis Times-Gazette
IT'S OFFICIAL! SONIC AND SALLY TIE THE KNOT!
(FOLD)
In the Knothole Village player production of "OUR WEDDING"
YOU MEAN...?
THAT'S RIGHT! IT'S PLAY TIME, DOC -- AND THAT MEANS CURTAINS FOR YOU!
groan!
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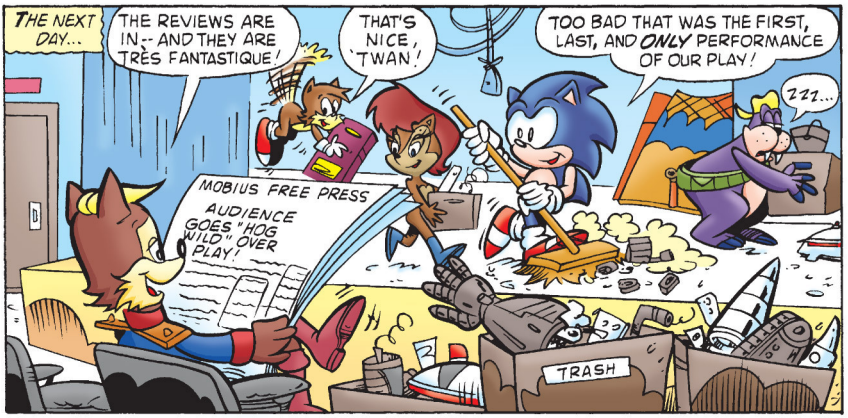
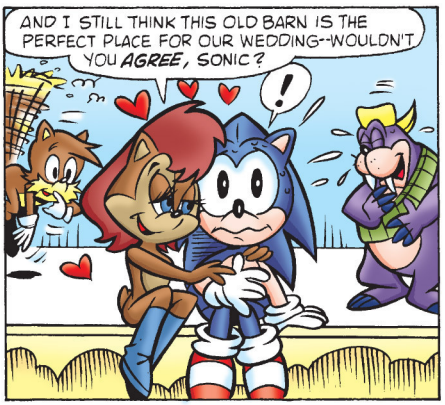

THE NEXT DAY...
THE REVIEWS ARE IN-- AND THEY ARE TRÈS FANTASTIQUE!
THAT'S NICE, 'TWAN!
TOO BAD THAT WAS THE FIRST, LAST, AND ONLY PERFORMANCE OF OUR PLAY!
ZZZ...
MOBIUS FREE PRESS
AUDIENCE GOES "HOG WILD" OVER PLAY!
TRASH

GUESS WE'RE NOT CUT OUT FOR SHOW BIZ, HUH, SAL?
OH, I DON'T KNOW! YOU'LL ALWAYS BE MY LEADING MAN!


AND I STILL THINK THIS OLD BARN IS THE PERFECT PLACE FOR OUR WEDDING--WOULDN'T YOU AGREE, SONIC?
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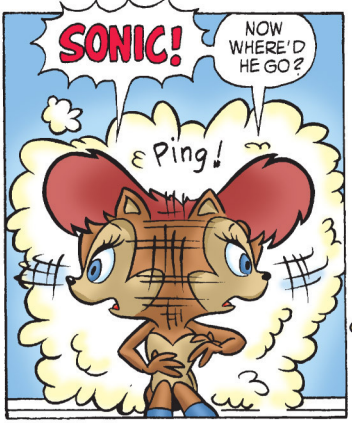
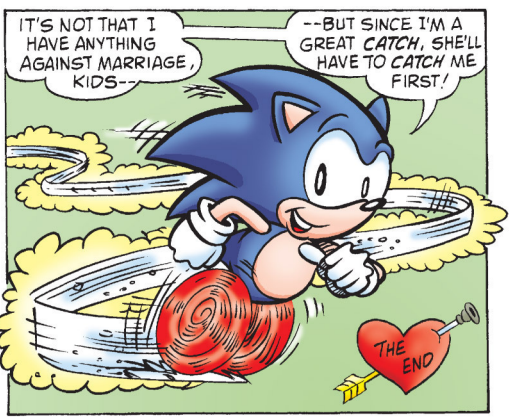
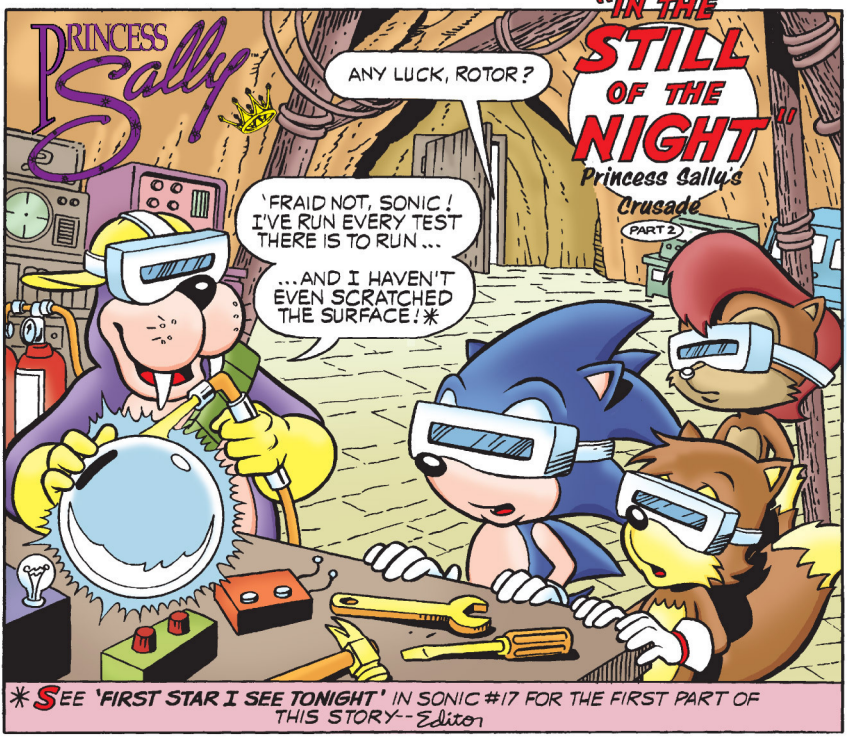

SONIC!
NOW WHERE'D HE GO?
Ping!


IT'S NOT THAT I HAVE ANYTHING AGAINST MARRIAGE, KIDS--
--BUT SINCE I'M A GREAT CATCH, SHE'LL HAVE TO CATCH ME FIRST!
THE END


PRINCESS Sally
"IN THE STILL OF THE NIGHT"
Princess Sally's Crusade
PART 2
ANY LUCK, ROTOR?
'FRAID NOT, SONIC! I'VE RUN EVERY TEST THERE IS TO RUN...
...AND I HAVEN'T EVEN SCRATCHED THE SURFACE!*

*SEE 'FIRST STAR I SEE TONIGHT' IN SONIC #17 FOR THE FIRST PART OF THIS STORY--Editor

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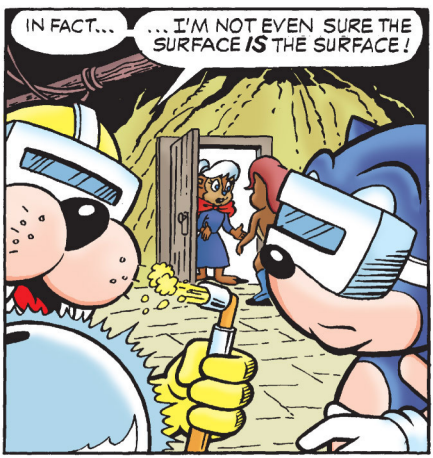
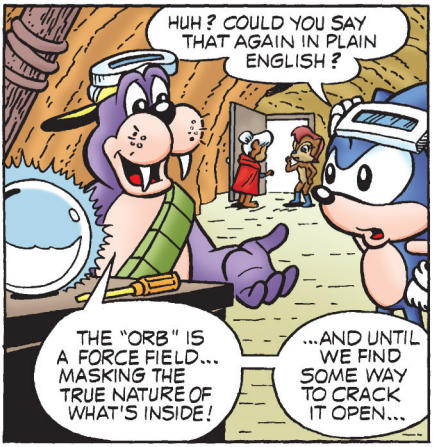
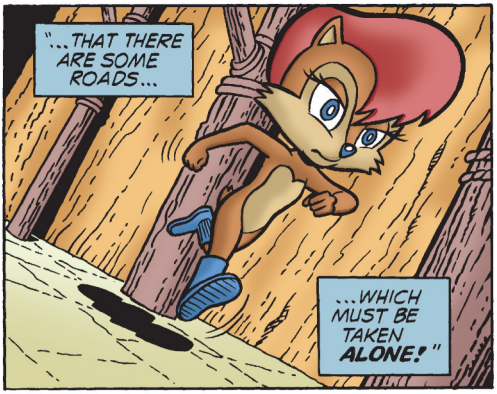



HUH? COULD YOU SAY THAT AGAIN IN PLAIN ENGLISH?
THE "ORB" IS A FORCE FIELD... MASKING THE TRUE NATURE OF WHAT'S INSIDE!
...AND UNTIL WE FIND SOME WAY TO CRACK IT OPEN...

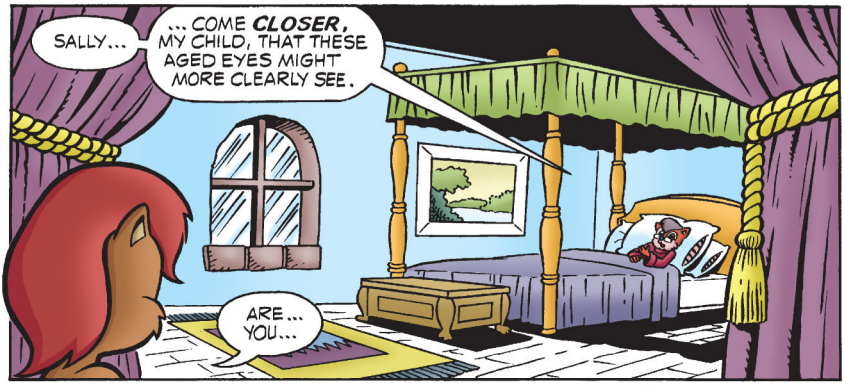
I GET THE PICTURE! WHAT'S YOUR TAKE ON ALL THIS, SAL?
SAL?

WOW! TALK ABOUT DAZED AND CONFUSED!
MAYBE I'D BETTER...
NOT THIS TIME, LADDIE. 'TIS A MATTER SHE MUST BE DEALIN' WITH IN HER OWN WAY!

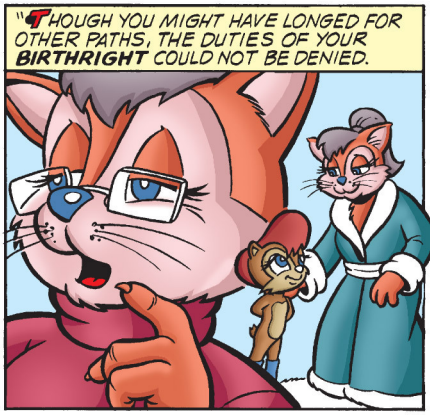
BUT WHY CAN'T WE HELP?
;SIGH!;
YOU BOTH SHOULD KNOW...

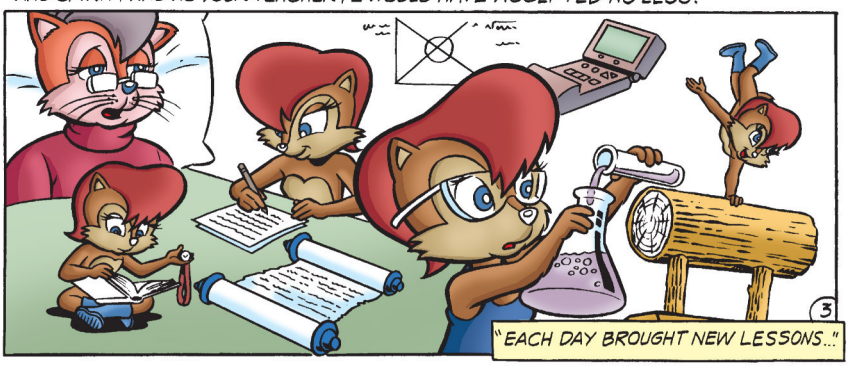

"...THAT THERE ARE SOME ROADS...
...WHICH MUST BE TAKEN ALONE!"

JULAYLA?
I'M HERE.


SALLY...
...COME CLOSER, MY CHILD, THAT THESE AGED EYES MIGHT MORE CLEARLY SEE.
ARE... YOU...

HUSH, FAVORED ONE. THERE ARE, TO ALL THINGS, A SEASON--AND TIME IS IN SHORT SUPPLY.
YOU BEAR THE MANTLE OF LEADERSHIP WITH HONOR AND GRACE.


"THOUGH YOU MIGHT HAVE LONGED FOR OTHER PATHS, THE DUTIES OF YOUR BIRTHRIGHT COULD NOT BE DENIED.


"FROM THE BEGINNING YOU STUDIED LONG AND HARD, EVER GROWING IN KNOWLEDGE AND SPIRIT, AND AS YOUR TEACHER, I WOULD HAVE ACCEPTED NO LESS.
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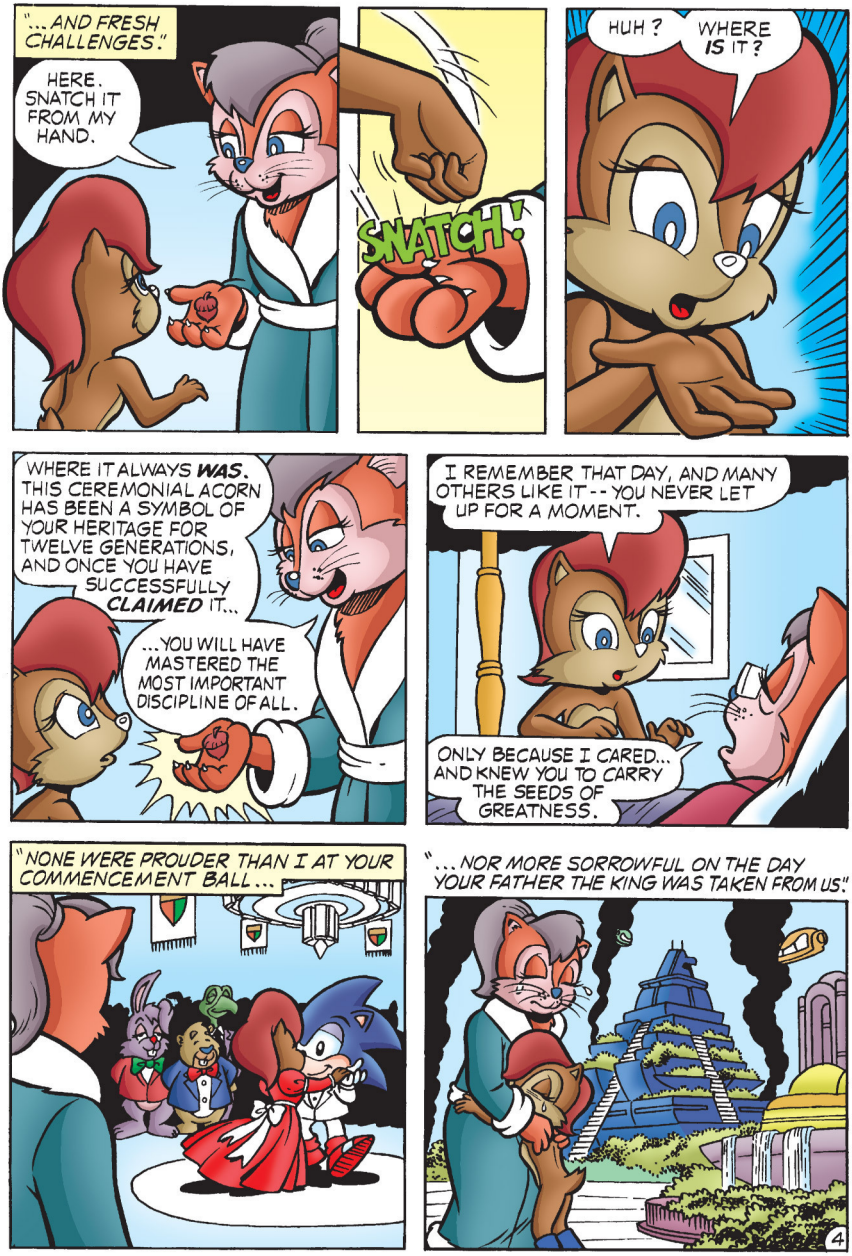
"EACH DAY BROUGHT NEW LESSONS..."


"...AND FRESH CHALLENGES."
HERE. SNATCH IT FROM MY HAND.
SNATCH!
HUH?
WHERE IS IT?
WHERE IT ALWAYS WAS. THIS CEREMONIAL ACORN HAS BEEN A SYMBOL OF YOUR HERITAGE FOR TWELVE GENERATIONS, AND ONCE YOU HAVE SUCCESSFULLY CLAIMED IT...
...YOU WILL HAVE MASTERED THE MOST IMPORTANT DISCIPLINE OF ALL.
I REMEMBER THAT DAY, AND MANY OTHERS LIKE IT -- YOU NEVER LET UP FOR A MOMENT.
ONLY BECAUSE I CARED.. AND KNEW YOU TO CARRY THE SEEDS OF GREATNESS.
"NONE WERE PROUDER THAN I AT YOUR COMMENCEMENT BALL...
"...NOR MORE SORROWFUL ON THE DAY YOUR FATHER THE KING WAS TAKEN FROM US."
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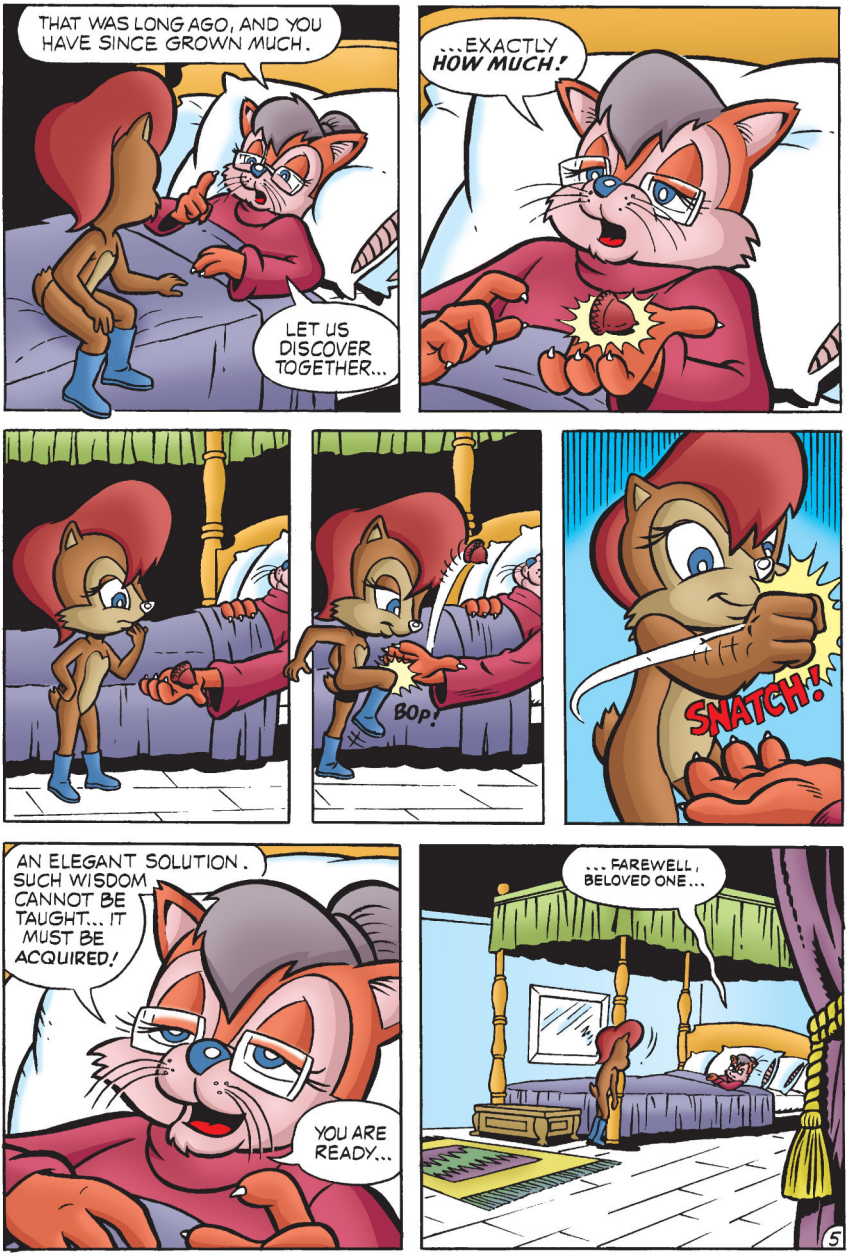
THAT WAS LONG AGO, AND YOU HAVE SINCE GROWN MUCH.
LET US DISCOVER TOGETHER...
...EXACTLY HOW MUCH!
BOP!
SNATCH!
AN ELEGANT SOLUTION. SUCH WISDOM CANNOT BE TAUGHT... IT MUST BE ACQUIRED!
YOU ARE READY...
... FAREWELL, BELOVED ONE...
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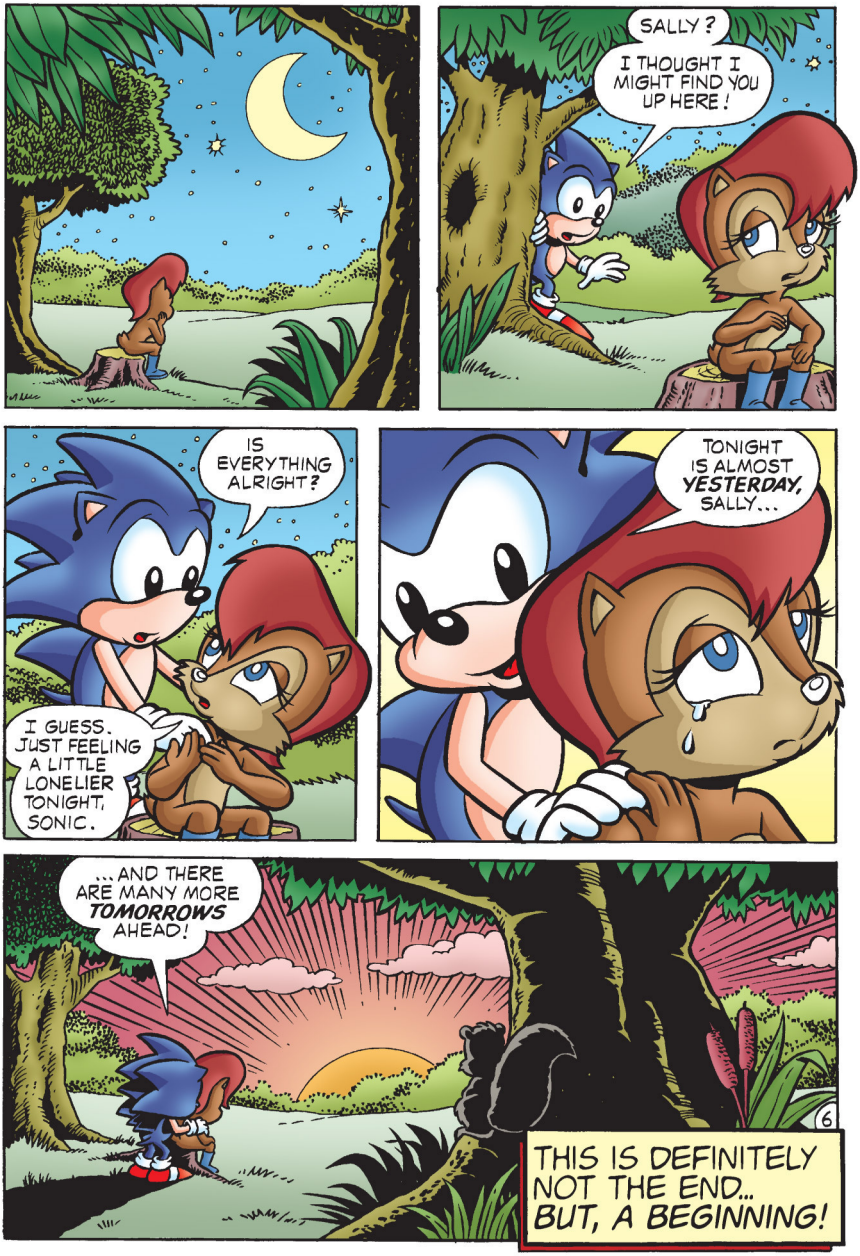
SALLY?
I THOUGHT I MIGHT FIND YOU UP HERE!
IS EVERYTHING ALRIGHT?
I GUESS. JUST FEELING A LITTLE LONELIER TONIGHT, SONIC.
TONIGHT IS ALMOST YESTERDAY, SALLY...
...AND THERE ARE MANY MORE TOMORROWS AHEAD!
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THIS IS DEFINITELY NOT THE END... BUT, A BEGINNING!